

Resilient Methow

Climate Leadership Practicum

Supervisor:	Dana Golden, Resilient Methow Coordinator
Salary:	\$14.49/hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks
Period of Employment:	June 21, 2022 – August 26, 2022 3 days per week
Participation Requirements:	Living in the Methow Valley for the summer Enrollment in UEPP 471 Campus Sustainability Planning Studio course Meets 2 days per week (3 credits) Optional internship credits are available but not required (up to 8 credits)

Overview

The Methow Valley Climate Action Plan was drafted by a task force and released in September, 2021. The Plan represents the culmination of two years of work and reflects the involvement and contributions of hundreds of Methow residents, professional scientists, and representatives of local governments, tribes, community organizations, public agencies, and businesses. The collaborative effort formed into Resilient Methow, a community driven initiative currently being fiscally sponsored as a program of the Methow Valley Citizens Council as a coalition is established. Resilient Methow is multi-solving for equity and climate solutions for the well-being of future generations in the Methow Valley.

<https://www.resilientmethow.org/>

The mission of the Methow Valley Citizens Council (MVCC) is to raise a strong community voice for protection of the Methow Valley's natural environment and rural character. MVCC educates the public and decision makers on key environmental and land use issues. MVCC engages community participation and uses advocacy so our collective voice is heard. There are four program areas: Land, Air, Water and Climate. mvcitizens.org

This Resilient Methow Climate Leadership Fellow will work to support the implementation of the community Climate Action Plan. The position will entail a combination of research, communications, and collaborative project work with other organizational partners and the Implementation Hub. It is expected that work will include contributing to both adaptation and mitigation solutions. This is an opportunity to get direct experience with the implementation of climate action work.

Responsibilities

- Create and manage content for the Resilient Methow website and other social media platforms
- Research feasibility of priority actions especially related to transportation and energy projects
- Participate in coalition-building with partners via outreach events, forums, and meetings
- Support recruitment and coordination of community members / partners with Action Projects
- Attend bi-weekly Implementation Hub meetings

Required Qualifications and Experience

- Motivated to develop communication skills and work as part of a dynamic team
- Invested in experiential learning and personal / professional growth
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, work independently, and ask for help / guidance as needed
- Familiarity with website and social media platforms
- Foundational knowledge / interest in sustainability, climate justice, and doing community-engaged work

Educational/Professional Benefits

- Opportunity to work for a growing coalition that has mobilized a local response to climate change
- Opportunity to live in the Methow Valley and contribute to climate resiliency in a rural context
- Opportunity to engage in climate work that connects regional and State policies with local community prioritized actions
- Opportunity to further develop / apply research, writing, and communication skills
- Opportunity to work in a network of organizational partners and apply collaborative project management skills

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<https://sustain.wvu.edu/pathways>

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